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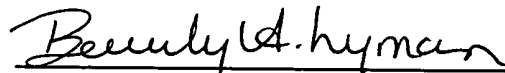## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith which is imposed by Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. §1.56), the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is called to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application. Since this is a continuation-in-part application based upon Serial No. 09/484,319 (Patent No. 6,180,086), only the prior art references not cited in the parent application are enclosed. The prior art references not cited in the parent application and enclosed herewith are listed on the Patent Office Form 1449 as A.R., B.R., B.S., C.R., D.R., D.S., D T., and E.R. No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited references and to make an independent decision with respect to their materiality.

No fee is believed indicated with this submission as no Office Action has been received to date. However, should any fees be deemed necessary in conjunction with this request, the Examiner is authorized to charge those fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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